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SUBJECT: LIBYAN INTEREST IN RESEARCH REACTOR

1. ACCORDING TO CONVERSATION REPORTED BY IAEA STAFF MEMBER, MEMBER OF LIBYAN DELEGATION TO RECENTLY HELD IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE ASKED HIM ABOUT CURRENT PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING U.S. RESEARCH REACTOR THROUGH IAEA, PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED DEAL WITH GULF GENERAL ATOMIC OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. AGENCY STAFF MEMBER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT QUERY, NOTING THAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT LIBYA INTENDED TO ACQUIRE RESEARCH REACTOR FROM SOVIET UNION. LIBYAN DELOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN SOVIET RESEARCH REACTOR, BUT THAT WAS NOT RPT NOT THE SAME AS ACTUALLY OBTAINING IT. HE ALSO MENTIONED IN PASSING POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING RESEARCH REACTOR FROM ARGENTINA. (WE ARE AWARE OF LIBYA/ARGENTINE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN ATOMIC ENERGY, BUT WONDER IF THIS REFLECTS WISHFULLY
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THINKING, OR IF THERE IS ANY BASIS IN FACT FOR SUCH

POSSIBILITY.)

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING LEADS US TO WONDER WHETHER
LIBYA/USSR DEAL TO ACQUIRE RESEARCH REACTOR MAY
HAVE TURNED SOUR. TAPE

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